

House Resolution 469

By: Representative Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating a portion of SR 45 Alternate in Calhoun County as the Charles and Mary Cowart
2 Bypass; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the late Charles Cowart was born in Arlington, Georgia, in 1909, and lived there
4 all of his life; and

5 WHEREAS, he served the public as county commissioner in Calhoun County for 37 years,
6 including 32 years as chairman. During those years, he made numerous trips to Atlanta to
7 work first-hand with legislators and state department heads to find ways to improve Calhoun
8 County; and

9 WHEREAS, he was always active in his church, Arlington United Methodist, holding
10 various positions, most notably as chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years; and he
11 belonged to several civic organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, he and Mary Martin were married in 1934; and

13 WHEREAS, the late Mary Martin Cowart was born in Blakely, Ga. in 1908; her family
14 moved to Arlington shortly thereafter, and she lived the rest of her life in Arlington; and

15 WHEREAS, she was very much involved in the work that brought the hospital to Arlington
16 in the mid-1950s, and she then became a charter member of the Hospital Board, where she
17 served as chairwoman for many years; during this same period of time, she worked tirelessly
18 with many others to help Arlington become a Better Hometown community; and

19 WHEREAS, she always had a deep concern for the underprivileged, and she showed this
20 concern during the many years that she worked for DFACS in Calhoun and Early counties
21 and then later as manager of the Arlington Housing Authority; and

1 WHEREAS, she was a lifelong member of the Arlington United Methodist Church where
2 she taught adult Sunday School classes for many years, and served in several other positions
3 on the administrative board of the church.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 45 Alternate in Calhoun County from the intersection of
6 SR 45, SR 62, SR 216, and Cedar Street to the junction of SR 45 Alternate with SR 45 is
7 designated as the Charles and Mary Cowart Bypass, and the Department of Transportation
8 is authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the highway.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
11 Transportation and the family of the late Charles and Mary Cowart.